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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

John:

I agree that we want new blood in our consultant stable. I am looking for some specific and quick input from the group which I asked [ ] to identify. It is to improve the quality and the source of information of the estimate on the Soviet technological progress. I want to gather the opinions of the people who have the best judgments of where the Soviets stand and their prospects in the critical technologies. The [ ] list should only be considered an input, albeit a major one, in lining up people to be interviewed in depth in the hope of getting an added dimension to this estimate. 25X1 25X1

Why don't you think about gathering additional names, figuring out the best way to decide who we want to follow up with and how we can best put together a team to carry through. I suggest that we try to think this over and talk this out [ ] and perhaps more specialized people from OSWR and then sometime next week try to get [ ] down here to give [ ] final input in kicking off this exploration right after Labor Day. Let's talk about it when you have given it some thought. 25X1 25X1 25X1

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